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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 05135

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PERMANENT SITE FOR INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

REF: A. VIENNA 04794, B. 77 STATE 099214, C. 77 TEHRAN 04302

1. EMBASSY HAS NOTED WITH MUCH INTEREST OPEC FINANCE MINIS-
TER'S PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF MAY 23, REPORTED REFTEL A, INTER
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ALIA, QUOTING FINANCE MINISTERS AS SUPPORTING "ESTABLISHING
THE PERMANENT SEAT OF IFAD IN TEHRAN, IRAN." AS DEPARTMENT
KNOWS, GOI IN MAY 1977 PUSHED STRONGLY TO HAVE IFAD PERMANENTLY
LOCATED IN TEHRAN EVEN THOUGH IFAD HAD BARELY BEEN SET UP AND
IFAD'S INITIAL RESOURCES HAD NOT YET BEEN COMMITTED. REF B
77 STATE 099214 PROVIDED RATIONALE FOR OUR WISHING TO AVOID
CONFRONTATION ON THE SITE SELECTION ISSUE AT THAT TIME. SUBSE-

QUENTLY, ANF FOLLOWING OUR PRESENTATION OF AN AIDE MEMOIRE TO GOI AS INSTRUCTED BY WASHINGTON, EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY MFA THAT IRAN WOULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF SITE QUESTION BUT WOULD MOVE AHEAD TO RATIFY IFAD (REFTEL C). NOW THAT IRAN EVIDENTLY HAS IN HAND ALL CATEGORY II VOTES FAVORING TEHRAN AS PERMANENT IFAD SITE, AND ASSUMING THAT GOI IS MOVING TO CAPTURE AS MANY CATEGORY III VOTES AS IT CAN, EMBASSY JUDGES THAT IFAD SITE ISSUE HAS COME ALIVE ONCE AGAIN. EMBASSY HAS NOT APPROACHED GOI AT ANY LEVEL FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS ON ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTED REFTEL A LEST THIS PROMPT GOI TO SEEK OUR SUPPORT ON TEHRAN AS PERMANENT IFAD SITE. NONETHELESS, EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT U.S. WILL BE HEARING FROM IRANIANS ON THIS ISSUE, IF NOT IN TEHRAN THEN ROME, NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. EMBASSY CAN ONLY CONJECTURE AS TO DEPTH OF IRANIAN FEELING ON THIS ISSUE BUT WE WOULD NOT BE AT ALL SURPRISED IF IRAN'S INTEREST DEEPLY HELD AND AT A HIGH LEVEL.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE SUPPLY EMBASSY WITH GUIDANCE ON CURRENT U.S. POSITION RE PERMANENT SITE FOR IFAD. QUERY: HAS IFAD PREPARED ANY STUDIES ON RESPECTIVE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF VARIOUS POSSIBLE SITES?

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